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MESSAGE

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

TRANSMITTING

INFORMATION OF THE NUMBER OF STATES

WHICH HAVE

RATIFIED THE THIRTEENTH ARTICLE

OF THE

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES,

PROPOSED AT THE

SECOND SESSION OF THE ELEVENTH CONGRESS,

**Pursuant to a Resolution of the House of Representatives of the 31st
December last.**

FEBRUARY 6, 1818.

Read, and ordered to lie upon the table.

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To the House of Representatives.

Pursuant to a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 31st of December last, requesting information of the number of states which had ratified the 13th article of the amendments to the constitution of the United States, I transmit to the House a detailed report from the Secretary of State, which contains all the information that has been received upon that subject.

No time will be lost in communicating to the House the answers of the governors of the states of South Carolina and Virginia to the inquiries stated by the Secretary of State to have been recently addressed to them, when they are received at that Department.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, Feb. 4, 1818.

The Secretary of State, to whom was referred a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 31st of December last, requesting information of the number of states which have ratified the thirteenth article of the amendments to the constitution of the United States, proposed at the second session of the Eleventh Congress, has the honor respectfully to report to the President, that it appears by authentic documents, on file in the office of the Department of State, that the said article was ratified

- By 1. Maryland, on the 25th of December, 1810.
 2. Kentucky, on the 31st of January, 1811.
 3. Ohio, on the 31st of January, 1811.
 4. Delaware, on the 2d of February, 1811.
 5. Pennsylvania, on the 6th of February, 1811.
 6. New Jersey, on the 13th of February, 1811.
 7. Vermont, on the 24th of October, 1811.
 8. Tennessee, on the 21st of November, 1811.
 9. Georgia, on the 13th of December, 1811.
 10. North Carolina, on the 23d of December, 1811.
 11. Massachusetts, on the 27th of February, 1812.
 12. New Hampshire, on the 10th of December, 1812.

That it further appears, by authentic documents, also on file, that the said article was rejected—

- By 13. New York, on the 12th of March, 1812.
 14. Rhode Island, on the 15th of September, 1814.

That, 15. It was submitted to the legislature of the state of Connecticut at May session, 1811; but that, as late as the 22d of April, 1813, according to a letter of that date from governor Smith, no final decision had taken place thereon: that in pursuance of the resolution of the House of Representatives, in conformity to which this report is made, the Secretary of State addressed a letter to the governor of Connecticut, and enclosed to him therewith a copy of the proposed amendment to the constitution, requesting information as to any final decision in relation to it, and that the answer to said letter, under date of the 22d ult. was accompanied by an authenticated copy of resolutions of the general assembly of that commonwealth, declaring that the said amendment was not ratified.

That, 16. On the 29th of November, 1811, a report was made by a committee of the senate of South Carolina, recommending the adoption of the amendatory article, which report was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives, in which House a report was also made on the subject on the 7th of December, 1813, recommending the rejection of the said article, but which report does not appear to have been definitively acted upon by that house: that the Secretary of State addressed to

the governor of South Carolina a letter, with a copy of the amendment, of a like tenor and date to that which he addressed to the governor of Connecticut, to which he has not, hitherto, received any answer.

And that, 17. A similar letter, accompanied also by a copy of the amendment, was written by the Secretary of State to the governor of Virginia, from whom, up to this period, no answer has been received at the Department of State on the subject.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS.

Department of State, Feb. 3, 1818